

A PERSONAL NOTE: On Feb. 14th, Jack Benny would have been 85 years old. More and more of his shows are turning up. I will soon be getting almost 40 new ones from Don Aston. Jack Benny's voice will never be silent as long as we keep on preserving the golden days of radio.

DATES AND TITLES: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 wants the date of a post-1939 SHADOW called "The Ghost Walks Again." It stars Bill Johnstone and Ken Roberts. It's from a Michelson disc...Benny shows are now being rebroadcast. I have the first six and as I get them I will try and date them. The first six are: Jack buys golf tees for Don 12/17/50; with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. early 1951. It is the date of his second TV show which had as guests Faye Emerson and Frank Sinatra; Deborah Kerr in King Solomons Mines 1/7/51; Edgar Bergen, Red Skelton, Amos and Andy 9/25/49; Mystery skit with Richard Widmark 12/10/50; Edgar Bergen; restaurant scene with Mr. Kitzel 10/13/46...Any additional information or corrections would be appreciated. The use of logs when other shows are referred to helps a lot.

IN FOND MEMORY: Charles Mingus, Jan 5, 56; Jazz bassist...Jean Inness Jory, Dec 27; film and TV actress...Ted Bliss, Dec 27, 74; radio director; FANNY BRICE, EDDIE CANTOR, OZZIE AND HARRIET...Ralph Cherry, Jan 1, 73; trumpeter...Donny Hathaway, Jan 13, 33; singer and composer; hit tunes with Roberta Flack...Van Newkirk, Jan 6, 75; one of the first Pacific Coast announcers. Went to establish his own chain of stations...Sherman Krellberg, Jan 10, 87; film and serial producer...Jack Soo, Jan 11, 63; TV actor-VALENTINE'S DAY 64-65/BARNEY MILLER Jan 75...Tommy Wolf, Jan 8, 53; lyricist and composer who specialized in music for dance sequences in films, TV, and stage shows...William Fletcher, Jan 5; voice for many Disney characters...Theodore Sewell, Jan 13, 67; independent film and TV producer...Cyril Mockridge, Jan 18, 82; composer and scorer for many films and TV shows including HOLIDAY LODGE and LARAMIE...Eleanor Moore, Dec 11, 68; stage and radio actress...Katherine Meskill, recently died; stage, screen and TV actress...Warner Law, Jan 10, 60; wrote magazine fiction and radio and TV scripts...Edward Fuller, Jan 22, 67; actor in all fields...Ted Cassidy, Jan 16, 46; TV actor-ADDAMS FAMILY 64-66/BIRDMAN 67-68/voice of INCREDIBLE HULK Mar 78-.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Col. Club Pub; Jan; Art. on Fibber McGee and Escape stories in print...Milwaukee Pub; Dec; art. on rating shows and video discs...THE BIG BANDWAGON; Jan; art. on Errol Garner, Mildred Bailey, Woody Herman...SPERDVAC Pub; Jan; various bits of news, much of it in the California area. They have had many well-known guests at their monthly meetings. At Feb. meeting was Norman Corwin. Their third magazine has just been printed (\$2.25). art. on Bob & Ray, Les Tremayne, G Marx, Benny-Burns smuggling case, Lone Ranger, Spike Jones and the show ROMANCE OF THE HIGHWAYS...NOSTALGIA RADIO NEWS; Jan; art. on Boswell Sisters, Sara Berner...THE HORN SPEAKER: Jan; This pub, mainly for collectors of vintage phonographs and radio, now accepting ads for old-time radio shows for its March and April issues. Write Jim Cranshaw, Box 53012, Dallas, TX 75253...Buffalo Club Pub; Jan; art. by Howard Brenner on dealers and their contribution to the hobby...Collectors Corner; Jan; art. on George Ansbro and producing a radio drama today...Chuck Seeley (Buffalo Club) is starting a new OTR pub called OTRAFAN. It will feature ads of the



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past and ads for today's hobby. It will be published bi-monthly... A reminder that all addresses are on my list of clubs and pubs which you all should have. If you misplaced yours or never received one, send me a SASE.

CATALOGUES AND NEW SHOWS: Don Aston, 1301 No Park Av, Inglewood, Cal 90302 has a new, revised catalog of several thousand shows, many of them new including BENNY, ESCAPE, FIBBER MCGEE, LUX and virtually every series around. His reels of each series are arranged chronologically, about the first to do this. I am getting 37 new Benny from Don. Don sells but will trade if he needs something. Don is looking for all pre 1959 JOHNNY DOLLAR. He has all the 5-parters for 55-56. He wants all others atarring Charles Russell, Edmund O'Brien, John Lund, and Bob Bailey...Don Koehnemann just got THE CIRCLE 1/22/39 with G Marx and others. More from Don later...Joe Webb has new CASEY: SAM SPADE: GRAND CENTRAL STATION, AMAZING MR. MALONE: others. He also mentions in Collectors Corner about new FIBBER MCGEE: GILDERSLEEVE. others...received from Roger Paulson new Drew Pearson; PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS...from James O'Neal received ARTHUR GODFREY 1/15/46, 12th anniversary show and TREASURY HOUR "Millions for Defense" 7/2/41 with F Allen, J Garland, others.

TAPE DECK: Address of Sound Investment Co--Bldg 2A Dekalb Peachtree Airport, Chamblee, Ga 30341.

NEW ADDRESSES: Pete Greco, 86A DaFrack Rd, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034. Pete mentions that Adam Richter is offering a course on OTR at the Parsippany Adult School in Parsippany, NJ.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; James Snyder, 517 No Hamilton St, Saginaw, Mich 48602...Bob Miller, 119 Topaz Way, San Fran, Cal 94131.

Old Friends; Robert Lozier, 318 E Houston St, Monroe, NC 28110 is now spending most of his free time collecting and restoring antique radios. He is disturbed about the willy-nilly way many of the discs are being dubbed onto tape recently...Roy Hooper, 3074 Molokai Pl, Costa Mesa, Cal 92626 still wants MAN BEHIND THE GUN...Don Hunt, 2448F Johnson Rd NE, Atlanta, Ga 30345 wants 14-part series celebrating the 35th anniversary of ETERNAL LIGHT...Tom Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn Pk, Chestnut Hill, Ma 02167 is now helping to produce a weekly TRIVIA show on WITS in Boston on Sundays 2-5 PM. Working with Tom are David Gold and Dave Straass (Trivia King in St. Louise, Mo). Needs short (less than one minute clips) of OTR, early TV, movies, musical bits, historical bits, etc. suitable for asking questions about. Are credit will be given...Tom also wants MR. ED & ADDAMS FAMILY (TV) soundtracks...Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512 has for sale a 1947 selection of NBC Radio Advertising cards, 6 & 7 color caricatures of the stars, each one suitable for framing. For list of those available and price send a SASE to Ed.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Charles Michelson has obtained from CBS distribution rights to 52 ½-hour episodes of SUSPENSE and has closed sales in 52 markets including WGN-Chicago and WMAL-Washington...The CBC network is offering the sci-fi series JOHNNY CHASE Saturdays at 11:34 a.m.. Check your local CBC station...The Broadcast Pioneers Mike Award is being revived and will be presented this year to WGY Schenectady, NY. for "distinguished contributions to the art of broadcasting...ALIEN WORLDS: started its 13-week season on Sat. Jan 6th. Creator and producer is Lee Hansen. Theme music is performed

by England's Westminster Sinfonia. WXLO-FM; 93.8 is airing it in New York City. It is on Sat. 11-11:30 p.m. Lawrence Rao, 416 E 8th St, Brooklyn, NY 11218 is taping all episodes in stereo and will trade. Listeners are urged to write WXLO-FM, 1440 Broadway, NYC, NY 10018 for support of the program... Frank Waibel also writes to say Alien Worlds is broadcast over 106 FM in Saginaw, Mich 9:30 Sun Mornings. He says the story plot is weak but the stereo sound is very good. The producers emphasize that music is an important accessory to the broadcast...CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER is in its 6th year, now broadcasting in New York over WNEW-AM right after the SEARS RADIO THEATER, usually from 10-12 at night. The sixth season started off with an Ancient Egyptian series starring Tammy Grimes...THE ETERNAL LIGHT is now 35 years old on NBC radio. Produced by the Jewish Theological Seminary, it is the longest continuous drama series on radio. It is on WNBC-AM in NYC at 7:30 a.m. One actor who has performed off and on for the 35 years is Guy Repp (Can someone give me his address?)...SEARS RADIO THEATER made its debut Feb 5th with Lorne Green hosting the Western story "Retribution" starring John McIntire and Jeanette Nolan, 2 old time radio stars as well as movie and TV personalities. Andy Griffith hosted the Tues. comedy night, Vincent Price the Wed. mystery show,, Cicely Tyson, the Thus. "love and hate" shows and Richard Widmark hosted the Fri. adventure night. About 200 stations (CBS MYSTERY THEATER IS HEARD OVER 230 stations) carry SEARS, many times back-to-back with MYSTERY THEATER. Nelson Riddle composed the theme music. It will last for 52 weeks with 26 original weeks and 26 weeks of repeats...EARPLAY begins its 7th season and will air 26 new plays. Check your NPR station for time... Sherlock Holmes's 125th birthday was observed quietly by his fans Jan 5th at the Regency Hotel in New York. His fans belong to the Baker Street Irregulars. Dr. Julian Wolff edits the BAKER STREET JOURNAL from his Riverside Drive apartment...5 inmates of the Somers prison in Connecticut write and produce a weekly children's radio show called THE CABBAGE PATCH. It's a 15-minute weekly show that can be heard over Public radio...GreggeryRenk, on Jan 30th, received the second annual Jack Benny Memorial Award. George Burns received the first award last year...WMCA-AM in New York now has OTR Mon-Fri from 8-9 p.m. as well as Sat and Sun 6-7:30 p.m.

FROM DON KOEHNEMANN, 811 Bristol Ct, Westchester, Ill 60153. Don is looking for the following: any VPSB shows from around 1942, East Coast, with Matty Malneck Orch, vocals by Allan DeWitt; a Phil Harris recording of "I Think a Little Bug will get you Someday."; Mail Call #166; 169; 182..G I Journal #93; 95; 99...WTIC's Golden Days of Radio April and Dec 1976 and March 1977..NBC-TV Tomorrow-Announcers: Don Wilson, Geo. Fenneman, Harry Von Zell, John Reed King..MUSIC AMERICANA-program featuring Ezio Pinza...Don's wife and Don's brother worked a love DAN DUNN, SECRET OPERATIVE 1948 show out of WSBT in South Bend, Ind. The theme was "The Storm" from William Tell Overture. Anyone remember the theme...Don was always sending for radio premiums, etc. He also sent in an entry to BEAT THE BAND but it was never used...Don has a 5 STAR FINAL. Someone was looking for a copy.

LATE MAIL: Gene Baedak, Box 4011, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Z4 has many new DENNIS DAY 46-49 and 107 ROMANCE. Gene still wants kids series and SUSPENSE, ESCAPE, GUNSMOKE. Has JUNGLE JIM #1-347...Received a nice catalog from Dick Hayes, 59 Myrtle Av, Cranston, RI 02910. Dick and I go back many years. This is his third supplement and has many shows I have not seen. He has a wide variety of comedy and musical shows as well as some mystery and drama. Dick's main interest is KATE SMITH. He has yet to find a complete 60-minute show. Other interests

are ONE MAN'S FAMILY, SINGING SAM NARBASOL SHOWS, SNOW VILLAGE, HYMNS OF ALL CHURCHES, WHETENAVILLE, THE MARLIN SISTERS, OTHERS...MORE OBITUARIES: Mort Marshall, Feb 1, 60; stage, film and TV actor... Maurice Murphy, Nov 23, 65; film actor. Started in OUR GANG series ...Alexander Orfaly, Jan 22, 43; stage and film actor...Sonny (Per-cival) Payne, Jan 29, 52; jazz drummer...Mabel Taliaferro, Jan 24, 91; stage and silent screen actress...Jerry Damon, Jan 24, 51; NBC-TV announcer...Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076 recently attended latest PPR luncheon honoring Arch Oboler. Talked to several people including Ray Singer, write of Phil Harris/Alice Faye Shows and Sealtest Shows. Ray is looking for HARRIS/FAYE show of 1/28/51 where Phil and Frankie go to the blhodbank. If you have it please contact Jerry. Jerry doesn't have any 1951 HARRIS shows.

Next month there will be a full page of NEWS OF THE PAST by Ed Carr.

Had more than the usual trouble with the mimeo machine. Please excuse the streaks.

Write if you get Work and Hang by your thumbs

Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$6.00